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**APPLICANT:** Markus Guempel et al.  
**SERIAL NO.:** Not yet known (PCT/EP2004/013104)  
**FILED:** Concurrently  
**FOR:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRELOADING  
TAPERED ROLLER BEARING OF A ROLLING MILL  
ROLL  
**EXAMINER:** -- **GROUP:** -

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application before Action as follows: